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BOONE SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK

GREENBELT, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Keith Arnez Boone, age 25, of Lanham, Maryland was sentenced today by United States District Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. to 10 years in prison, followed by 8 years of supervised release, after pleading guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute over 5 grams of crack.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court, on January 17, 2001 Prince George's County police officers were on routine patrol on Silver Hill Road near Pennsylvania Avenue in Suitland, Maryland when they saw the driver of a 1997 Ford Taurus throw several bags from the window. After being advised of a pick-up order on the Taurus's tags, the officers attempted to stop the vehicle. Before the Taurus stopped the driver threw a small envelope out of the window. Once stopped, Boone, the driver and sole occupant of the Taurus, falsely claimed to be Jason Harris.

The officers walked back and recovered an envelope with one heat sealed bag containing approximately one gram of marijuana laced with phencyclidine and two bags of 27.86 grams of